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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: PROCEDURES FOR RECOGNITION OF
CONSULTATIVE STATUS

REF: BUENOS AIRES 4996

1. WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY, COUNSELOR RICARDO QUADRI OF THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ANTARCTIC & MALVINAS DEPT. ARRANGED
MEETING WITH EMBOFF TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ARGENTINA ON PROCEDURES FOR RECOGNITION
OF CONSULTATIVE STATUS. HE REVIEWED THE VARIOUS POSITIONS
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ALONG LINES REFTEL AND EMPHASIZED ONCE AGAIN THAT ARGENTINA
FOUND THE U.S. APPROACH UNACCEPTABLE. HE SAID HE BELIEVED
THAT PART OF THE PROBLEM MAY ORIGINATE FROM THE FACT THAT
SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DEL ARE APPROACHING THE
ISSUE FROM A PURELY JURIDICAL VIEWPOINT AND ARE INFLUENCED
BY THEIR EXPERIENCE IN WORKING ON THE LAW OF THE SEA.
ARGENTINA ON THE OTHER HAND DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT A

PURELY LEGAL APPROACH IS SUFFICIENT BECAUSE THE TREATY IS ABOVE ALL A POLITICAL CONTRACT.

2. AT THE REQUEST OF ARGENTINA'S EMBASSY IN LONDON, QUADRI SAID THAT THE GOA WANTS TO REITERATE ITS STRONG DESIRE TO ESTABLISH BILATERAL CONTACTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ARGENTINE REPRESENTATIVES IN LONDON TO TRY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE GENERAL PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION TO CONSULTATIVE STATUS AND ON THE PARTICULAR CASE OF POLAND. HE STRESSED THAT ARGENTINA WANTS THE CONSULTATIVE SESSION TO BE A SUCCESS AND IS IN FAVOR OF ADMITTING POLAND. HE SAID THAT SOME KIND OF SOLUTION MUST BE REACHED BY THE BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK OR ELSE THE CONSULTATIVE SESSION WILL FAIL. HE ADDED THAT THE GOA WOULD LIKE TO SEE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL REGIME FOR ACCESSION APPROVED IN THE EARLY MORNING OF JULY 25, FOLLOWED BY THE ADMISSION OF POLAND TO CONSULTATIVE STATUS IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE GOA WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FREQUENT BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH THE U.S. TO COORDINATE POSITIONS TO PROMOTE THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND TO AVOID SITUATIONS SUCH AS THE ONE FACING US NOW AT THE FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIVE SESSION.

3. IF EMBASSY LONDON HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, WOULD APPRECIATE IT CONTACTING ARGENTINE LONDON DCM CARLOS CONFIDENTIAL

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BLANCO TO REVIEW U.S. AND ARGENTINE POSITIONS ON THIS ISSUE AND SEE WHETHER SOME COMPROMISE IS POSSIBLE. CHAPLIN

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